

Add new claims 33-63 as follows:

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- 33. An expression vector comprising:
a transcriptional start site;
a promoter operably linked to the transcriptional start site; and
an enhancer operably linked to the promoter, the enhancer comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID NO:1 or its complement;
wherein the expression vector is a viral vector.
34. The expression vector of claim 33, wherein the promoter drives transcription of an mRNA.
35. The expression vector of claim 34, wherein the mRNA encodes a growth hormone.
36. The expression vector of claim 33, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter.
37. The expression vector of claim 33, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:2 or its complement.
38. The expression vector of claim 37, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter.
39. The expression vector of claim 33, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:3 or its complement.
40. The expression vector of claim 39, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter.
41. The expression vector of claim 33, wherein the expression vector is a retroviral vector.

42. The expression vector of claim 41, wherein the promoter drives transcription of an mRNA.

43. The expression vector of claim 42, wherein the mRNA encodes a growth hormone.

44. The expression vector of claim 41, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter.

45. The expression vector of claim 44, wherein the promoter drives transcription of an mRNA.

46. The expression vector of claim 45, wherein the mRNA encodes a growth hormone.

47. The expression vector of claim 41, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:2 or its complement.

48. The expression vector of claim 47, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter.

49. The expression vector of claim 41, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:3 or its complement.

50. The expression vector of claim 49, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter.

51. A method of expressing a transcript in a cell, the method comprising introducing a viral expression vector into the cell, the expression vector including:

a transcriptional start site;

a nucleic acid sequence operably linked to the transcriptional start site, the nucleic acid sequence encoding the transcript;

a promoter operably linked to the transcriptional start site; and

an enhancer operably linked to the promoter, the enhancer having a nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID NO:1 or its complement.

52. The method of claim 51, wherein the promoter drives transcription of an mRNA.

53. The method of claim 51, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter.

54. The method of claim 51, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:2 or its complement.

55. The method of claim 54, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter.

56. The method of claim 51, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:3 or its complement.

57. The method of claim 56, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter.

58. The method of claim 51, wherein the expression vector is a retroviral vector.

59. The method of claim 58, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter.

60. The method of claim 58, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:2 or its complement.

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61. The method of claim 60, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter.

62. The method of claim 58, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:3 or its complement.

63. The method of claim 62, wherein the promoter is a ζ -promoter. --

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